

Sub H1 Contd peak and valley shaped grooves which are integrally formed on the outer periphery surface of the end plate, said peak and valley shaped grooves extending in a circumferential direction of the end plate so as to be abutted against the inner surface of the sleeve; hinges and fasteners releasably hooked between said sleeve members to integrally connect said sleeve members to each other through said abutting joint surfaces arranged opposite to each other; said end plates each being formed of rubber plastic material with a slit in a manner to extend from said cable guide hole to a portion of said end plate in proximity to an outer periphery of said end plate so as to permit a wall of said end plate to open by cutting along said slit; said cable guide hole being provided thereon with a thin-wall cap capable of being removed by cutting and said slit being detachably fitted therein with a rigidity holding member; and a gasket including an adhesive locally arranged between said outer periphery of said end plate and an inner surface of said sleeve members so as to cover an outer end of said slit, said gasket arranged on the outer periphery surface of the end plate by adhesion while being conformed to the outer periphery of the end plate and the plurality of peak and valley shaped grooves of the sealing member.

Cancel claims 4 and 22 without disclaimer or prejudice.

Insert new claims 34 and 35 as follows:

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together; end plates arranged on opposite ends of said sleeve and each formed with at least one cable guide hole through which a cable connected to said cable connection section is inserted, said end plates each integrally provided on the outer periphery surface thereof with a sealing member including a plurality of peak and valley shaped grooves which are integrally formed on the outer periphery surface of the end plate, said peak and valley shaped grooves extending in a circumferential direction of the end plate so as to be abutted against the inner surface of the sleeve; hinges and fasteners releasably hooked between said sleeve members to integrally connect said sleeve members to each other through said abutting joint surfaces arranged opposite to each other; said end plates each being formed of rubber plastic material with a slit in a manner to extend from said cable guide hole to a portion of said end plate in proximity to an outer periphery of said end plate so as to permit a wall of said end plate to open by cutting along said slit; said cable guide hole being provided thereon with a thin-wall cap capable of being removed by cutting and said slit being detachably fitted therein with a rigidity holding member; a gasket including an adhesive locally arranged between said outer periphery of said end plate and an inner surface of said sleeve members so as to cover an outer end of said slit, said gasket arranged on the outer periphery surface of the end plate by adhesion while being conformed to the outer periphery of the end plate and the plurality of peak and valley shaped grooves of the sealing member; and at least one cable clamp arranged between said opposite ends of said sleeve and provided with at least one cable insertion portion through which the cable is fittedly inserted, wherein said cable clamp includes a clamp body formed with at least one cable guide recess and a pivotal support, at least one

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curved holding member is arranged opposite to said cable guide recess and pivotally supported by said pivotal support, said curved holding member is fastened at a free end thereof to said clamp body of said cable clamp by means of a mounting member, and said cable guide recess and curved holding member are detachably provided with holding spacers in a manner to be opposite to each other, respectively.

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being provided thereon with a thin-wall cap capable of being removed by cutting and said slit being detachably fitted therein with a rigidity holding member; a gasket including an adhesive locally arranged between said outer periphery of said end plate and an inner surface of said sleeve members so as to cover an outer end of said slit, said gasket arranged on the outer periphery surface of the end plate by adhesion while being conformed to the outer periphery of the end plate and the plurality of peak and valley shaped grooves of the sealing member; wherein said hinges include a plurality of first ring receiving portions formed at a portion of one of said sleeve members in proximity to one of side edges thereof in a manner to be spaced from each other, hinge members each constituted by a first ring pivotally arranged at a corresponding one of said first ring receiving portions and a plurality of holding recesses for said hinge members, which holding recesses are arranged at a portion of the other of said sleeve members in proximity to one of side edges therein in a manner to be spaced from each other; and wherein said fasteners include a plurality of second ring receiving portions formed at a portion of said other sleeve member in proximity to the other side edge in a manner to be spaced from each other, second rings each pivotally arranged at a corresponding one of said second ring receiving portions, operation levers each pivotally supported at a corresponding one of said second rings and provided at a distal end thereof with a holding projection, and a plurality of fastener receiving portions which are formed at a portion of said one sleeve member in proximity to the other side edge thereof in a manner to be spaced from each other and in which said holding projections of said operation levers are respectively fitted.